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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-96-1379 - 12

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of United Parcel Service Co. filed 8/23/2002 to:

XX Renew exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between (1) Miami, Florida, the intermediate point San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Caracas, Venezuela; and (2) Miami, Florida, and the coterminal points Valencia and Maracaibo, Venezuela. UPS also requests authority to renew its authority to combine this exemption with UPS' existing certificate and exemption authority. UPS has requested that this authority be renewed for five years.

Applicant rep: David Vaughan—UPS (202) 955-9864 DOT Analyst: Gerald Caolo 202-366-2406

DISPOSITION

XX Granted for two years (subject to conditions, see below)

XX Balanced dismissed (i.e., for longer-term exemption authority)

The above action was effective when taken: March 19, 2003, through March 19, 2005

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**
Office of International Aviation

XX The authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Venezuela.

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

XX Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

XX Standard exemption conditions (attached)

Conditions:

The route integration authority granted UPS is **subject** to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon UPS rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless UPS notifies the Department of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route

rights that are included in UPS' authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by UPS, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for UPS in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

Remarks:

The aviation agreement between the United States and Venezuela does not provide for coterminization of Caracas and Maracaibo. These points may only be served as separate terminal points.

Consistent with our standard practice for this type of application, we granted UPS' exemption for a period of two years and dismissed its request for longer-term authority.

The authority for which UPS requested renewal expired December 21, 2002, but had been kept in force pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), as implemented by 14 CFR Part 377, pending action on its timely filed renewal application.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(g) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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APPENDIX

U.S. Carrier Standard Exemption Conditions

In the conduct of operations authorized by the attached notice, the applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security;¹ and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.

¹ To assure compliance with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security, the holder should, before commencing any new service (including charter flights) to or from a foreign airport, inform its Principal Security Inspector of its plans.